Congress of the United States

House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515-5000

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The Honorable Kay Granger Chairwoman Committee on Appropriations The Honorable Rosa DeLauro Ranking Member Committee on Appropriations

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the Jackson Hole Airport Deice Pad Improvements in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Jackson Hole Airport Board (JAC) located at P.O. Box 159, 1250 East Airport Road, Jackson, WY 83001 (WY-at Large). The funding would be used to complete Phase 2 of the Deice Pad Improvements, increasing safety and operational efficiency.

This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it would increase safety and operational efficiency at the primary air transportation facility for Jackson, WY, the busiest airport in the state of Wyoming. The existing deice pad at JAC was constructed in 2011, and is insufficient in collection capability, safety, reliability and environmental responsibility components. JAC passenger enplanements have increased 83% since construction, and aircraft operations have increased 60%, leaving this key regional airport under capacity for deicing tasks. The current deice pad is located on the north end of the airfield (accessed via Taxiway A), which is the sole parallel taxiway for north/south aircraft movement at JAC. The capacity of the existing deice pad is often overwhelmed during the colder seasons, due to the limited number of deice positions and queuing space.

This congestion causes aircraft to back-up onto Taxiway A while waiting to enter the deice pad. The resulting delays can affect air traffic both regionally and nationally, and increase the likelihood of health and safety concerns for passengers. In addition, the existing deice system needs to be improved to better capture and collect storm runoff during weather events and aircraft deicing, which is now needed frequently. This challenge is of particular concern in this area of increased flood risk and enhanced natural protection, with the airport being fully located within the borders of a national park. Funding the project at this time would allow for Phases 1 and 2 to be completed concurrently, decreasing overall costs and negative impacts, and improving efficiency to taxpayers.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 49 U.S.C. 47100 et seq.

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

Harriet M. Hageman Member of Congress

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